

REMARKS

After entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-5, 10-11, 13-15, 18 and 21-25 are pending in the application. Claims 21-25 are newly added.

Various claims are canceled to expedite prosecution, but no surrender of such subject matter is intended. Rather, applicant reserves the right to pursue claims of the same or similar scope in one or more other applications.

All claims stand rejected as anticipated by, or obvious in view of, Tarbouriech (6,674,993). Accompanying this Amendment is a Rule 131 Declaration. No admission is made concerning Tarbouriech's relevance or teaching; applicant simply elects to expedite prosecution by relying on an earlier date of conception, coupled with reasonable diligence, for certain of the claimed subject matter.

Newly-added claim 21 finds support, e.g., at page 72, lines 6-9 of the specification (i.e., within the text of priority application 60,134,782 that was submitted as Appendix A).

Accompanying this Amendment is a substitute sheet of drawings containing a revised Fig. 2. The undersigned recently noted that certain reference numerals mentioned in the specification (i.e., 29, 42, and 44) are not shown in the Fig. 2 originally filed. The substitute sheet corrects such errors.

Favorable reconsideration is requested.

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